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DR. NAHID MANSOORI DIAZ

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3702]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3702) for the relief of Dr. Nahid Mansoori Diaz, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to enable the beneficiary to file a petition for naturalization.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 31-year-old native and citizen of Iran who entered the United States on July 28, 1960, as an exchange visitor. She was granted a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement applicable to exchange personnel and her status was adjusted to that of permanent residence on August 14, 1969. On February 17, 1967, she was married in Chicago, Ill., to a native of Cuba who was naturalized a citizen of the United States on January 7, 1970. They reside with their U.S. citizen son in Miami, Fla., where she is employed as a doctor at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Her husband, who is also a doctor, is employed at the same hospital. She desires U.S. citizenship so that she can take the requisite medical examination.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated May 21, 1970, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., May 21, 1970.

A-13981958.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3702) for the relief of Dr. Nahid Mansoori Diaz, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the beneficiary shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of July 28, 1960. She has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States since August 14, 1969. The bill is apparently intended to provide the beneficiary with sufficient residence to qualify for naturalization.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FORM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3702

The beneficiary, Dr. Nahid Mansoori Diaz, a native and citizen of Iran, was born September 17, 1938. Her father is deceased. Her mother, two brothers, and two sisters are natives, citizens, and residents of Iran. She has one brother and one sister, natives and citizens of Iran, who are non-immigrant visitors in the United States as an exchange visitor and student respectively. The beneficiary married Higinio Diaz on February 17, 1967, at Chicago, Ill. He was born on January 11, 1936, in Cuba and was naturalized a citizen of the United States on January 7, 1970. One son, David, was born of this marriage on September 14, 1969 in Miami, Fla. and is a citizen of the United States. The beneficiary resides in Miami with her husband and child.

The beneficiary obtained her medical degree in her native country in 1959. She has been employed since August 1967 as a medical doctor in maternity and infant care at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami. Her annual salary is \$20,000. Her husband is also employed at the same hospital as a resident physician at an annual income of \$8,000. Their combined assets, consisting of a bank account, two automobiles, real and personal property, total \$79,000. The real property bears a mortgage of \$34,000.

The beneficiary's only admission to the United States occurred on July 28, 1960, when she was admitted as an ex-

change visitor and was subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirements applicable to exchange visitors. Extensions of stay were authorized until June 30, 1967. A visa petition to accord the beneficiary second-preference classification was filed in her behalf by her husband on June 16, 1967, and approved on July 2, 1968. An application for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement was submitted to this Service which was approved and forwarded to the Department of State for recommendation as to whether the waiver should be granted. On the recommendation by that Department the waiver was granted. The beneficiary was thereafter accorded the status of a lawful permanent resident of the United States on August 14, 1969, under the provision of section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The beneficiary desires to enter private medical practice in Florida but cannot take the requisite examination until she acquires U.S. citizenship. Absent enactment of S. 3702 she will have sufficient residence for naturalization in January 1973.

H.R. 17400 in behalf of the beneficiary is also pending.

Senator Spessard L. Holland, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: I am a 31-year-old female physician, native of Iran. In October 1959, I graduated from medical school at Pahlavi University, Shiraz, Iran. A few months later, in July 1969, I arrived in the United States to further my training at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill., specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. I completed my training on June 30, 1967.

On August 1, 1967, I began working at the Dade County Department of Public Health, in a physician II position, obstetrician-gynecologist with the maternity and infant care project 515 and continue to this date. I have been advised by my employer that it is imperative that I secure my Florida license for me to maintain my present position. In order to be eligible to take the board examination, I must be a U.S. citizen. I have had my permanent visa (File No. A-13-981-958) since August, 1969. My husband, Dr. H. Guido Diaz, is an American citizen as of January 1970. Our only child, a son, was born in this country.

I should like to ask for your help in obtaining my U.S. citizenship. If it is possible, I shall be most grateful if you would introduce a bill in favor of me being granted my citizenship. I am most anxious to become an American citizen and any assistance you could give me to expedite procedures would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

NAHID MANSOORI DIAZ, M.D.

DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE PROJECT NO. 515,
Miami, Fla., March 2, 1970.

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: As a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology with the Maternity and Infant Care Project 515, Dade County Department of Public Health, Dr. Nahib Mansoori-Diaz has been rendering valuable services furnishing medical care and treatment to patients attending clinics at our health centers since 1967. Not having yet become a citizen of the United States, Dr. Mansoori-Diaz cannot take her licensure examination, since U.S. citizenship is a requirement under the rules and regulations of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Florida. She will not be able to continue her staff position in the Dade County Health Department unless licensure is obtained in the very near future.

I have known Dr. Mansoori-Diaz as a capable physician (one very likely difficult to replace because of her medical specialty), and as a person of integrity and high moral value. Any assistance you may be able to provide which will expedite the granting of U.S. citizenship to Dr. Mansoori-Diaz will be of great benefit to the medical program in which she is presently serving Dade County.

Sincerely yours,

CLAUDE HERNANDEZ,
Administrative Assistant.

MIAMI, FLA., February 20, 1970.

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: We are writing you today because we are having a very urgent problem, with the hope you could help us. My wife, Nahid Mansoori Diaz was born in Iran, graduated from Shiraz Medical School in Shiraz, Iran, arrived in this country in July 1960 with an exchange visitor visa, we got married in Chicago on February 17, 1967, and now have a son born in this city on September 14, 1969. Her status was changed on August 1969 to permanent visa. She has been working at the Dade County Department of Public Health since August 1, 1967, as a physician II position obstetrician-gynecologist with the Maternity Infant Care Project 515. When she began working there, she had the exchange visitor visa. Now she is told she can no longer remain there if she does not give the exact date upon which she will become a U.S. citizen and thus become eligible to take her Florida medical license.

I obtained my citizenship on January 1970 and plan to register to vote. At present moment I am a psychiatric resident at the institute of Jackson Memorial Hospital, my training will be finishing on June 30, but I do not have either the Florida medical license or any position in which to work.

So I hope you understand that it is a financial necessity for my wife to continue working, and to do this, she will have to get her citizenship to make her eligible for her Florida medical license. I must come to you, then, and beg you to introduce a bill in favor of my wife being granted her citizenship.

Yours very truly,

HIGINIO GUIDO DIAZ, M.D.

DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
Miami, Fla., February 24, 1970.

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: Dr. Nahid Mansoori-Diaz has been a valued member of the Dade County Department of Public Health Maternal and Infant Care Project 515 staff since 1967. Due to Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Florida rules and regulations, Dr. Mansoori-Diaz cannot take her licensure examination until she becomes a citizen. Dr. Mansoori-Diaz cannot continue her staff position with us unless licensure is obtained within the near future.

I highly recommend Dr. Mansoori-Diaz to you, both as a capable physician and a person of integrity and high moral value. It will be of great help to our maternity and infant care project if you can be of aid to Dr. Mansoori-Diaz in obtaining her citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

BETTY J. VAUGHN, M.D.,
Chief, Office of Consumer Care.

DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE PROJECT NO. 515,
Miami, Fla., February 24, 1970.

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
*Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: Dr. Nahid Mansoori-Diaz, an obstetrician-gynecologist, has been employed by the Maternity and Infant Care Project 515 of the Dade County Department of Public Health since August of 1967. Dr. Mansoori-Diaz is a capable physician and a valued member of our staff.

Due to Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Florida rules and regulations, Dr. Mansoori-Diaz cannot take her licensure examination until she becomes a citizen. It will be impossible for her to continue her staff position with us unless her licensure is obtained in the near future.

If you can in any way aid Dr. Mansoori-Diaz in obtaining her citizenship, it will be of great help to our Maternity and Infant Care Project. I can highly recommend Dr. Mansoori-Diaz to you as a person of high moral character as well as a capable physician.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY J. HICKS, M.D.,
Coordinator, Maternity and Infant Care Project 515.

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DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE PROJECT NO. 515,
Miami, Fla., February 24, 1970.

HON. SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR HOLLAND: I am writing in recommendation of Dr. Nahid Mansoori Diaz, a physician II with the Maternity and Infant Care Project 515. She began work with the project on September 1, 1967, and continues to this date in the capacity of an obstetrician-gynecologist.

It has become necessary at this time for Dr. Diaz to obtain her U.S. citizenship in order that she may remain employed with the project. She must also be an American citizen to be allowed the opportunity of securing her Florida license to practice medicine.

Dr. Diaz is an extremely capable physician and of the highest moral character. She is an asset to the project and we wish for her to remain. I shall be most grateful for any assistance you could render.

Sincerely yours,

ANTONIO A. LOPEZ, M.D.,
Assistant Project Director.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3702) should be enacted.

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